

GRAUSTARK

#290

2 June 1973

1972A "Fall 1911"

RUSSIA STABS TURKISH "ALLIES"

ENGLAND (Lipson): No moves received.
F Eng & F Liverpool hold.

FRANCE (Reif): F Spa(s.c.)-Mar;
F Por-Spa(s.c.).

GERMANY (Huddleston): A St.P-Mos; A Pru-Liv; A Sil & A Gal S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Liv-War; F Nrg-Nat; F Nth-Eng; F Nwy-Nth; A Cly-Liv; A Bur-Gas; A Mar-Pie; A Boh-Mun; A Tyr S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Pie-Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Honig): A Liv-War; A Pie-Ven; A Vie S GERMAN A Gal; A Ven-Apu.

RUSSIA (De Prisco): A Tri holds; A Sev-Arm; A Mos-Sev; A Ukr-Mos.

TURKEY (Murray): F Wes-Lyo; F Tyr-Tus; F Rom-Tus; F Aeg-Ion; F Adr & A Alb S RUSSIAN A Tri; A Bud S RUSSIAN; A Ukr-Gal; A Rum S A Bud; A Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers hold the same supply centers that they did after "1910" (see GRAUSTARK #287, p. 1) except that Marseilles has returned from Austria-Hungary to France. The only build is one by Russia, which must be A Mos. The only removal is one by Austria-Hungary. If this can be obtained in time it will be printed on p. 2; if not, I will inform the other players by postcard. The deadline for "Spring 1912" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 23 JUNE 1973. Victor Ricci, the stand-by in this game, should send in stand-by moves for England.

The following back issues of GRAUSTARK are for sale: 120, 131, 137, 139, 140, 167, 171, 198-200, 202, 206, 217, 239, 247-250, 252, 253, 255-259, 271, 273-283, 285-289. See p. 5 for prices. Complete file of FREEDONIA Vol. II (29 issues) for \$1.50.

1973BB "Winter 1901-Spring 1902"

GERMANY SENDS ARMIES EAST

ENGLAND (Eisen): Builds F Edi.

FRANCE (Strauss): Builds F Bre, F Mar, A Par.

GERMANY (Parella): Builds A Ber, A Kie.

ITALY (Heuer): Builds F Nap.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Neiger): Builds A Vie.

RUSSIA (Honig): Builds F St.P(n.c.); A War.

TURKEY (Paulson): Builds F Smy.

ENGLAND: F Edi-Yor; A Yor-Wal; F Den-Swe; F Nwy-St.P(n.c.).

FRANCE: A Spa-Gas; A Por-Spa; F Mar-Lyo; A Par-Pic; F Bre-Eng; F Lon-Wal.

GERMANY: A Ber-Pru; A Mun-Sil; A Kie-Mun; A Bel-Ruh; F Hol-Nth.

ITALY: A Tyr-Boh; A Tun holds; F Nap-Tyr; F Ion S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Alb-Gre.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gre; A Bud S A Ser; A Vie S A Bud.

RUSSIA: F Swe S GERMAN A Kie-Den; F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy; A Gal-Boh; A War-Gal; A Rum S A War-Gal; F Bla S A Rum.

TURKEY: F Smy-Eas; A Bul-Gre; A Con-Bul; F Aeg S A Bul-Gre.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 23 JUNE 1973. Press releases are on p. 9.

STAND-BYS NEEDED. A half-price entry fee (\$5) will enroll you as a stand-by player in any of the new postal Diplomacy games 1973BB, 1973BC, 1973BQ or 1973BS. Already 2 stand-bys in 1973BQ have been called on. (See p. 2.) YOU MAY BE NEXT! (See GRAUSTARK #286 for information about stand-by status.)

1973BQ

"Fall 1901"

WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS A FAILURE TO COMMUNICATE

ENGLAND (Arensmeyer): A Edi-Nwy; F Nrg C A Edi-Nwy; F Nth-Ska.

FRANCE (Stuart): A Pic-Bel; F Mid-Por; A Spa-Mar.

GERMANY (Burse): F Den-Swe; A Kie-Hol; A Ruh S A Kie-Hol.

ITALY (Sidor): No moves received. A Pie, F Ion, & A Nap hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McCuistion): A Vie-Gal; F Alb-Gre; A Ser-Rum.

RUSSIA (Greenlee): No moves received. F Bot, A War, A Ukr, & F Sev hold.

TURKEY (De Prisco): A Bul S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Ser-Rum; F Ank-Bla; A Arm-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (4) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Rum,

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Par, Por. (5) Tri, Vie. (5)

GERMANY: Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun, Swe. (5) RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, Sev, War. (4)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Ven. (3) TURKEY: Ank, Con, Bul, Smy. (4)

Germany, France, and Austria-Hungary each have two builds, and England and Turkey each have one. The deadline for these "Winter 1901" builds is NOON, SATURDAY 23 JUNE 1973. Andrew Weill, the game's newly assigned stand-by, should submit "Spring 1902" moves for Russia. Bob Spencer, the 1973BC stand-by, is asked to stand by here as well with "Spring 1902" moves for Italy. The deadline for these and for all "Spring 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 14 JULY 1973.

John Arensmeyer's address, after 11 June, will be 41-1025 Nenu St., Waimanalo, Hawaii 96795. (Until then it is 454 Riverside Dr., New York, N. Y. 10027.) Please use air mail only to Hawaii. For Rick Stuart's new address see p. 5. For the stand-bys' addresses see GRAUSTARK #289.

1973BS

"Fall 1901"

GERMANY CHANGES TO TESSER STANDARD TIME

ENGLAND (Spencer): A Edi-Bel; F Nth C A Edi-Bel; F Nrg-Nwy.FRANCE (Ianham): A Pic-Bel; F Mid-Por; A Spa holds.

GERMANY (G. Tesser): No moves received. F Den, A Kie & A Ruh hold.

ITALY (Murray): A Tyr-Boh; A Apu-Tun; F Ion C A Apu-Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Lariton): A Vie-Gal; F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gre.RUSSIA (Trtek): A War-Gal; A Ukr-Rum; F Sev S A Ukr-Rum; F Bot-Swe.TURKEY (McGowin): F Ank-Bla; A Bul-Gre; A Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (4) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser,

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (5) Tri, Vie. (5)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Kie, Mun. (4)

RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe,

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

War. (6)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

France, Austria-Hungary, and Russia each have two builds, and each of the other players have one. The deadline for these "Winter 1901" builds is NOON, SATURDAY 23 JUNE 1973. For lack of a stand-by in this game, Andrew Weill (see above) is asked to send in a stand-by build for Germany.

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SPECIAL LATE DISPATCH in 1972A: Austria-Hungary removes A Apu, and suggests that the other players join him in conceding the game to Germany.

72.28b

FRENCH EXPELLED FROM RUSSIA

"Fall 1939"

RUSSIA: Russia (26) attacks France (5) at 5:1. US Shoe - 9 (X). Each side removes 5.

USA: Fra U.

FRANCE: Bri U.

BRITAIN: Fra U, Ita U, Rus U, USA U.

GERMANY: Bri U.

The score at present is Britain 23, USA 16, Germany 14, France 12, Russia 8. The deadline for "Spring 1940" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 23 JUNE 1973. For Dick Trtek's new address see p. 5.

LONDON: Parliament today denounced the use of force for any purpose. Long live the Queen!

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als		C			
Aus					C
Bal			C	C	
Bri	U,11	U,5			U,15
Cze	U,10	U,10	U,7		5
Fra	U,8	2	U,5		
Ger			C		
Ita			U,5		
Pol	U,8		U,10		40
Rhi			C		C
Rum				C	C
Rus	U,15		U,10	21	U,15
USA			U,5		

73.6x

ARE THE YANKS COMING?

"Spring 1936"

As requested on p. 2 of the last issue, Germany and Russia agreed to share control of Austria. All players were informed, and the "Spring 1936" deadline was moved up to today.

USA (Stuart): No moves received. USA 4.

FRANCE (Drakert): Fra 6.

BRITAIN (Trtek): Rhi 1, Rum 9.

RUSSIA (Hendry): Rum 8.

GERMANY (Kelly): Rum 16.

The deadline for "Fall 1936" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 23 JUNE 1973. The score at present is France 24, Britain 22, Russia 3, Germany 1, USA 0. For Stuart's and Trtek's new addresses see p. 5.

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als					
Aus				C	C
Bal					
Bri	2				
Cze					
Fra		10			
Ger					
Ita					
Pol					
Rhi			9		
Rum			9	8	16
Rus					
USA	4				

73.2b

TOURISM POPULAR IN RUSSIA

"Spring 1938"

USA (Weill): No moves received. USA 16.

FRANCE (Carroll): Rum 7, Rus 3.

BRITAIN (Neiger): Pol 4, Rum 3, Rus 11.

RUSSIA (Spencer): Rus 12.

GERMANY (Katzoff): Bri 6, Rum 10, Rus 8.

The deadline for "Fall 1938" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 23 JUNE 1973. Some press releases appear on p. 11; others have

been deferred for lack of space. Andy Weill is probably in transit somewhere between Yale and California, and so no stand-by player will be called for here.

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als		C			
Aus					C
Bal				C	
Bri					U,20
Cze					C
Fra					
Ger			C		
Ita					
Pol	U,5	U,5	U,11		
Rhi					C
Rum		7	10		10
Rus		U,8	11	20	8
USA	16				

1972E

"Winter 1911"

ENGLAND (Abbott): Builds A Edi, F Lon.

FRANCE (Lipson): No builds received.

Steve Brooks is asked to send in

stand-by "Spring 1912" moves.

The deadline for "Spring 1912" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 23 JUNE 1973.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Prosnitz): Removes F Apu.

TURKEY (Hendry): Removes F Adr, A Ukr.

GRAUSTARK'S TENTH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Now that the work of getting out the 10th Anniversary Issue is completed, there will be a party to celebrate the fact. It will take place at my home on Sunday 8 July, beginning at 1 PM. Please phone me at OX 3-1579 or 780-5445 to let me know that you're coming, or to get directions if necessary.

Social activities will include across-the-board gaming: Diplomacy, Origins, Nuclear War, Tactics II, Quebec 1759, Dealer's Choice, or whatever else is lying around. John Beshara is very kindly helping with the party arrangement.

197LEC

"Winter 1912-Spring 1913"

ITALY SURRENDERS

Following "Fall 1912" moves England built A Lon & A Edi, and Germany built A Mun & F Ber. Russia removed A Arm. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Lipton): A Edi-Nwy; F Nth C A Edi-Nwy; F Alb S F Gre; F Gre S F Alb; F Aeg-Con; F Smy S F Aeg-Con; A Rom-Tus; A Pie-Tus; F Tyr-Ion; F Apu S F Tyr-Ion; A St. P S A Mos; F Eng S F Nth; A Mos, A Wal, A Lon, & A Swe hold.

GERMANY (Berman): F Den, F Ber, A War, & A Ven hold; A Kie S F Den; A Hol S A Bel; A Bel S A Hol; A Mun-Bur; A Rum-Sev; A Bud-Ser; A Gal-Rum; A Tyr & A Tri S A Ven; A Bul S ENGLISH F Aeg-Con; A Syr-Arm; A Vie-Bud.

ITALY (Leeder): A Con S RUSSIAN A Ank.

RUSSIA (Barents): A Ank S ITALIAN A Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian A Con is annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1913" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 23 JUNE 1973. Press releases appear below and on p. 10.

BYZANTIUM: The Eastern Roman Emperor thanks the Czar for his support. With our last breath we return the favour. (I was only kidding about the hollow cylinder bit.

197LBG

"Winter 1908"

ANOTHER BLACK ARMY

Obviously, Italy's "Spring 1908" moves of A Ser-Bud and A Ven-Tyr did not succeed and should have been underlined.

ITALY (Burley): Builds A Rom

RUSSIA (A. Phillips): Builds A War.

GERMANY (Schleicher): Builds A Kie.

The deadline for "Spring 1909" moves is 6 PM, TUESDAY 19 JUNE 1973.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

The following changes of address, or telephone numbers, have come in since the new address list was published in GRAUSTARK #289. These corrections are complete to 31 May.

Robert L. Eisen, 212-849-3272

Marshall B. Haller, 310 N. Wisconsin, De Pere, Wisc. 54115

Ronald M. Kelly, #210, 225 Virginia Ave. SE, Washington, D. C. 20003

Michael M. Lariton, 716-381-6613

Jeremiah B. Model, 7 Dexter Road, Newtonville, Mass. 02160

Bern Schwartz, 717 Ventura Blvd., Endwell, N. Y. 13760

Donald E. Stehle, Apt. 9, 1520 S. Purdue, West Los Angeles, Calif. 90025

Kenneth Strauss, 639 E. 80th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11236; 212-531-8550

Rick Stuart, Apt. 7, 5657 Montgomery Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45212

Nicholas A. Ulanov (T), 60 E. 8th St., New York, N. Y. 10003 (To those with the usual question concerning his name, Ulanov wishes to answer "Yes".)

Conrad von Metzke has checked out the list of publishers with whom GRAUSTARK trades, and informs me that the following people have apparently ceased publication. Accordingly this is the last trade issue that these people will receive of GRAUSTARK, unless they inform me to the contrary: Stephen Bell, John Lawrey, Michel Liesnard, Tim Tilson, Brenton Ver Ploeg, Fred Winter. (Ver Ploeg will receive a complimentary subscription, honoris causa.) Those people whose names were marked with "T*" in the mailing list last issue have not indicated that they are still publishing, and trades with them are also suspended.

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Beginning with this issue, all copies of GRAUSTARK will go out to readers by 1st-class mail. On the upper right corner of your mailing label is a code indicating why you are receiving this issue. Players in current games are indicated by the following codes:

G - 1971BG	E - 1972E	C - 1973BC	S - 1973BS
A - 1972A	B - 1973BB	Q - 1973BQ	T - trade

Complimentary copies are indicated by a small "c". A number indicates the issue with which your subscription will expire. One or more of the above letters, followed by a "+" sign and a number, indicates the number of issues to which you will be entitled after your game(s) end(s). Please contact me at once if there is any doubt about the status of your subscription.

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It seems that Lenard Lakofka was in error in reporting Rod Walker's mailing address to be the same as the address of Luxor. Walker is still at his old Felton Ave. address. Or so says Walker, in Costaguana.

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GRAUSTARK, the oldest bulletin of postal Diplomacy, is published every 3rd Saturday by John Boardman, 234 E. 19th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11226. Subscriptions are 8 issues for \$1; back issues are 15¢ each (except for #289, which is 50¢) or 10 for \$1.

73.3a

"Fall 1936"

GERMANS BALKED IN BALKANS

USA Fra Bri Rus Ger

RUMANIA: Germany (6) attacks France (5) at
1:1. IBM - 435, no change.
FRANCE: Ger U, Rum U.
BRITAIN: Ger U.
GERMANY: Aus C, Rhi C.
The score at present is France 8, Germany
8, Britain 7, USA 0, Russia 0. The dead-
line for "Spring 1937" moves is NOON, SA-
TURDAY 23 JUNE 1973. Press releases begin
on p. 9. After 12 June, Dick Trtek's ad-
dress will be Yerkes Observatory, Wil-
liams Bay, Wisc.

Als				
Aus				C
Bal				C
Bri				
Cze				
Fra				
Ger	U,5	U,6		
Ita				
Pol		U,9	6	
Rhi				C
Rum	U,5		5	6
Rus			3	
USA	6			

1973BC

"Winter 1901"

Owing to the necessity to rebuild a lost unit, Russia has two builds this turn rather than one.

ENGLAND (Stehle): Builds F Lon.	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Lipton): Builds A
FRANCE (Model): Builds A Par, A Mar.	Vie, A Bud.
GERMANY (Stuart): Builds A Mun,	RUSSIA (Drakert): Builds A Mos, A
A Kie.	St. P

ITALY (Paul): Builds F Rom. TURKEY (Carroll): Builds F Smy.
The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 23 JUNE 1973. Rick Stuart has a new new address; see p. 4. Donald Stehle's address is now Apt. 9, 1520 S. Purdue, West Los Angeles, Calif. 90025. This game's stand-by player is Robert Spencer, P. O. Box 867, Shelton, Wash. 98584. Press releases, regrettably, have been postponed to the next issue for lack of space.

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1972: "Four more years!"

1973: "Five to ten years!"

...AND 'ROUND AND 'ROUND IT GOES - VII

by Robert Bryan Lipton

I hate dust jacket blurbs. Not only do they exaggerate the worth of books, until Keith Laumer is Shakespeare risen from the grave, but the story they describe rarely bears any relationship to the book they are printed on.

Some publishers are accurate. I can read the back of a Ballantine or Berkeley paperback and be sure what will be inside. But other publishers...take for example, this blurb from De Camp's Lost Darkness Fall:

"WHEN AM I?" Padway asked himself as he slowly recovered his senses after being struck down by the uncanny lightning...His blood froze with the answer.

This has nothing to do with the story, and in any case, that is not how De Camp describes the scene. Doubtless the publishers believe that such blurbs grab the browser's attention in the same way that a naked woman on the cover does. Or try this:

Due to circumstances within our control TOMORROW WILL BE CANCELLED...

You had to be special to be an Eternal. Andrew Harlan was special. Until he committed the one unforgiveable sin - falling in love.

That's slightly more accurate than the preceding blurb, but it is misleading. One expects raw sex scenes to be preceded and followed by raw sex scenes in this philosophical book - Isaac Asimov's The End of Eternity (Fawcett T 1619 - 75¢).

In this book, when time travel and the fact that time travel could be used to alter reality was discovered, a group of scientists set themselves up to alter reality to make the maximum number of people happy (a progressive philosophy).

Through Andrew Harlan, Asimov takes us on a tour of Eternity, the Olympus of these scientists. We see these Eternals work, trying to make people happy. We see what happens when Harlan comes into contact with a reality with which he had had no contact for almost two decades.

Yes, though I hate to give the satisfaction, Harlan does fall in love with a girl names Noys.

Now we get into the plot twist: the time in which the girl lives is up to be changed. When that change is made, the girl will no longer exist. To save her, Harlan takes her to an unused section of Eternity and hides her.

Then he discovers something, "A terrible secret which embraced all Eternity" (from the book, not the blurb).

The assets of this book are many. Asimov's style is easy to read, the philosophical content of this book, in its thoughts on time are very worthwhile, and, surprisingly, the fact that, despite the breadth of the book, at no time does Asimov skim over anything of importance. Also, encouragingly, there is a touch of romanticism in the book. Finally, Asimov draws out his characters' psychologies, something which he rarely manages.

The debits are that everyone's speech sounds like everyone else's, and that this book demands some thought. But that thought returns fine dividends.

"The one unforgiveable sin"? Gaah!!

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

And, at long last, the Tenth Anniversary Issue is over. At 62 pages, GRAUSTARK #289 is probably the largest postal Diplomacy bulletin ever published. It took about two months in preparation, and was swelled by the bales of press releases written by the participants in 73.2b (in particular).

Two people were left out of the acknowledgements on p. 2 of #289: Hank Davis, because he arrived after that page was printed, and a girl named Jean or Jane, attached to Mike Honig, whose name I never did catch accurately.

There were also a couple of errors in the Table of Contents. The press releases for 73.2b began on p. 32, not on p. 34. And there was some "Miscellany" on p. 34 as well as in the other indicated places.

The collating session was fun, and despite the fact that I had to cut 5 stencils

that day there were no major bottlenecks. During and after the collating were played many games of Nuclear War, Origins, Quebec 1759, and a few other games.

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I have finally achieved an ambition of cutting down the amount of work required by this publication. At the beginning of the year I was printing 24 pages every second Saturday; now I am printing 12 pages every third Saturday. This involves cutting down the work by two-thirds.

It also involves cutting down the number of pages by two-thirds. So there is not going to be the space for press releases that previous issues have made available. In due time all press releases are going to be printed - but if they come in in great quantities, "due time" is going to be rather long. Players who expect to see their press releases in print in less than 2 or 3 months are going to have to keep this in mind before they send too much stuff.

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I must confess to having miscalculated the President's reaction to the crisis loosely entitled "Watergate". For the first time in his long career in public life, President Nixon is on the defensive. I had fully expected to hear him come to the defense of his subordinates who directed the burglary and bugging of the Democratic headquarters, or the lesser subordinates who actually did the work. He even had a possible defense. It is, after all, an established practice that agents of the federal government should wire-tap and exert other forms of surveillance on subversive organizations.

There is much evidence that President Nixon regards the Democratic Party as subversive. This was a major issue as far back as the mid-term elections of 1954. In his campaign speeches of that year, he made the following statements:

"The Communist Party...has determined to conduct its program within the Democratic Party." - Butte, 22 October 1954

"If the Democrats win control of Congress it will give a tremendous boost to the Left-Wing elements." - Pocatello, 25 October 1954

"Mr. Stevenson has been guilty, probably without being aware that he was doing so, of spreading pro-Communist propaganda." - Pasadena, 29 October 1954

The Watergate raid follows naturally from this kind of thinking. I had fully expected his rationalization to be of this sort.

Yet, hard-pressed by the small minority of the media that is still not under Republican control, he sacrificed six of his most trusted aides. His opponents smelled blood, and they are now out for more concessions. Some of them are talking of resignation or even impeachment; I wonder exactly how anxious they are to make Spiro Agnew President of the United States.

When this happened, a voice surfaced in my mind and uttered the name of Thomas Wentworth, First Earl of Strafford. Strafford was Prime Minister under King Charles I, and he attempted to make the king's authority absolute in England as his contemporary Richelieu was doing for Louis XIII in France. ("Haldeman sought to boost the power of the White House. He spoke privately of 'one-man rule'; of President Nixon's 'right' to run the country." - Jack Anderson, New York Post, 17 May 1973) But Parliament objected, raised a howl, threatened to cut off the king's appropriations, and finally sent Strafford to the block. Both the partisans and the opponents of King Charles regarded this as the beginning of the end for the king, leading to his own downfall and execution a few years later. King Charles looked on his execution as a punishment for his 'abandonment' of his faithful servant Strafford.

Independently, Harry Manogg also saw it this way. In a letter about a month ago, he versified:

"God and my right I will maintain."
In spite of the people's fear and pain.
An Axe thunks into the headsman's block
And Charles the First gets a terminal shock.

He conned us early, he conned us late,
But something happened at Watergate.
We may find we need, once we've taken stock,
A good sharp axe and a headsman's block.

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Do your bedmates meet the approval of Charles Reinsel? If not, he may try to run you out of war-gaming fandom.

According to recent letters he has sent to Conrad von Metzke, Reinsel has come to the conclusion that a sinister conspiracy of homosexuals is taking over the International Diplomacy Association (IDA) in particular, and postal Diplomacy fandom in general. Since von Metzke prints Luxor, a Dippy 'zine that is alleged to circulate among homosexuals, this has made him a culpable member of the conspiracy in Reinsel's eyes. Never mind that Conrad is, as the saying goes, Straight As A Stick. He has not tried to run homosexuals out of civilized society, and therefore he must be One Of Them. Consequently, Reinsel has summarily thrown von Metzke out of his games, and is now preaching a holy crusade against "immorality" in war-gaming fandom.

This is old stuff for Reinsel. A few years ago he was trying to throw the Pacifists out of Diplomacy. Since then he has dropped this crusade, obviously having concluded that if he got rid of the Pacifists he couldn't find enough people to fill a game board.

(Incidentally, I know a fair amount of gays who are also hotly in favor of the American invasion of Vietnam. The most extreme case is an army officer who writes gay pornography. I wonder how Reinsel would classify him! And, by the way, if a man who merely prefers boys to women is "queer", what do we call that far more serious perversion of taste which prefers war to peace? Got a name for it, Charlie?)

All Diplomacy players are accordingly warned against entering games in Reinsel's appropriately named publication Big Brother. Reinsel is a fraud (for taking money, opening games, and then throwing out active players), a liar (see von Metzke's publications, passim, for details), a lover of war, an authoritarian, and one of the cheapest, most petty bastards every to disgrace our hobby. I strongly recommend to players in his games a mass resignation (already suggested by von Metzke and Edi Birsan) as the only way in which we can get this nuisance out. An organism that is unable to eliminate waste matter is ill; so is an organization.

Mark Weidmark, in Marcus #19, says that "the big question is, not what to do about Reinsel, but why he does what he does". It isn't. We aren't his psychiatrists, his neighbors, or (redde gratias) his family. We are just a bunch of hobbyists whom he is trying to purge because of his asinine notions about war, sex, and morality. Either he will drive us out of war-gaming fandom, or we will drive him out. I confess to a preference in the matter.

And, in case Reinsel wants to throw any invective this way, I am happily married these ten years to the same woman - which is a damn sight more than he can say.

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If Reinsel is vicious, Buddy Tretick is merely laughable. Send for a copy of his La Guerre "Volume VI, #14" (P. O. Box 34046, Bethesda, Md. 20034) and see for yourself. He has abandoned more games than Anne Bonney did babies, and he is still trying to collect entry fees for new games. For one thing, he is trying to play in his own games - a conflict of interests worthy of a place in the Nixon Administration. For details on his speculations see En Passant #34, Greg Warden, 4305 Baltimore Ave., Philadelphia, Penn. 19104.

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The International Game Show will take place on 22-24 June 1973 in the Bismarck Hotel in Chicago. Charles Reinsel has already announced that he will not attend it, so there is a strong incentive for the rest of us. The IGS will include a 49-player Diplomacy tourney with a prize of \$100. For details write to IGS, 205 W. Wacker, Chicago, Ill. 60606. Player tickets are \$1 on Friday, \$4 each on Saturday and Sunday. The luncheon is \$6 - \$8 after 30 May.

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This publication is not edited under the supervision of Bangs Leslie Tapscott.

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On the weekend of 16-17 June there will be a computer games convention hosted by Richard Loomis, 8149 E. Thomas Road, Scottsdale, Ariz. 85251. Write him for details.

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In fairness to Steve Brooks, who played Italy in the recently concluded 1971EB, it should be on record that he did send in his "Fall 1912" moves; they were phoned in on the morning of the deadline date. However, that page had already gone to bed, and the game would have been concluded with those moves in any event.

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The weekend of 14-15 July is going to be a big one for war-gamers. In addition to the conventions at Cincinnati and Pickering (Ontario), announced in GRAUSTARK #289, there will be Michigan Con II on Sunday 15 July at Hackett Field House, Highland Park, Mich. The entry is \$1, and things begin at 10 AM. For details write to Paul J. Wood, 24613 Harmon Court, St. Clair Shores, Mich. 48080

On the weekend of 7-8 July, Spartan International will hold East Con II at the Hotel McAlpin in New York. For details write SI at 4121 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach, Calif. 90807.

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John McKeon's subscription expires with this issue, and those of Mike Gutierrez, Steve Nozik, Kathryn Passenheim, and Jim Reilly with the next issue.

1973BB - PRESS RELEASES

ST. PETERSBURG (Dec. 10, 1901, DAMN): Russian zoologists said today that Austrian authorities had made a tactless rebuff to their request for a live specimen of the rare sabertoothed Neiger. Said a Spokesman, "Well, I suppose that if you can't bring the rare Austrian saber toothed Neiger to Russia, we'll have to bring Russia to the rare Austrian Neiger."

WIEN-AN-DER-DONAU (March 21, 1902): Seeing as Katzoff's not in this game, you have to suffer; you and you wife Jerry.

PRESSBURG (April 10, 1973, CAUTION): This is CAUTION's headquarters in this time-line (where else?). At this point, officials are trying to determine the reason for the time-space paradox in 73.2b. It seems that the Annexed Allied Countries of the Kingdom of the Two Sissies, Bohemia Royale and the Earldom of the Tyrol coexist with territory in the Un-Annexed Unallied Country of Rackatzoff (Rhineland, Austria and Czechoslovakia, run by Katzoff).

FYBOG (April 21, 1902): CAUTION representatives here report that they have a solution to the timespace paradox in 73.2b. It appears, according to them, that the country of Rackatzoff does not meet local country requirements i. e., no one lives there, it has no undisputed territory, no one admits to running the thing, no one admits to ever having heard of it, etc.

GENEVA, SWITZ.: The two looneys in this game aren't doing as well as expected. Right, Bob? (((((((That was a Switzrelease))))))

TIRANA-IN-ALBANIEN (May 21, 1902): It finally happened. Today, Evan told me that he was in love.

"What's her name?" I asked.

"Her name?"

73.3a - PRESS RELEASES

BAVARIA, THE MOONSHINE PROVINCE (Control Agency for Universes, Timeline & International Omnipresent Ninnies): GRAUSTARK #289 opened new vistas in Press Release fandom. Though I possess no previous records, I can site what are almost definitely new records:

Most press in one issue of a 'zine - 130 releases

Most press originating from one game in one issue of a 'zine - 84, 73.2b

Most press coming from one person in one issue - Gilbert Neiger, 50

Most press coming from one person for one game - Alex Katzoff and Gilbert Neiger - 33 each from 73.2b

That issue also marked the fizzling out of the previous Great Press War, raging between Bob Lipton, Herb Barents and others in 1971EC. This game had an unusually low total of 11 releases this issue. #289 affirmed the existence of the new Great Press War which is currently raging between Alex Katzoff and myself in 73.2b. This game contributed a remarkable total of 84, 66 supplied by Adz-Katz and me.

BERLIN-THRU-THE-GROUND (CAUTION): Here come the final totals:

Persons (in terms of releases)	Games (by the same terms)
Gilbert Neiger (50): 73.2b-33, 73.3a-12; 1973BB-5	73.2b - 84
Alex Katzoff (33): 73.2b-33	73.3a - 14
John Carroll (11): 73.2b-8, 1973BC-3	1973BB - 12
John Boardman (10): 73.2b-6, 1971EC-4	1971EC - 11
Bob Lipton (6): 1971EC-3, 73.3a-2, 1973BC-1	1973BC - 4
Bob Eisen (6): 1973BB-6	1971EB - 2
Andy Weill (4): 73.2b-4	72.28b - 2
John Leeder (3): 1971EC-3	1973BQ - 1
Raymond Heuer (3): 72.28b-2, 1973BB-1	
Ted Holcombe (2): 1971EB-2	
Herb Barents (1): 1971EC-1	
John De Prisco (1): 1973BQ-1	

Some things are not so obvious. For one thing, some persons, such as RBL and John Carroll tend to write extremely long things. Others, such as Alex Katzoff and most of the lesser writers write very short ones. Also one person, whose name is next-to-last on the list, tends to write fewer legible words per line than most. Some of you may ask what this all means; it means I'm not afraid of you, RBL! I've got too much of a jump on you! All the insults anyone could use on me have already been used; if you do think up something new, I can put it to work against you.

PARIS, FRANCE (IDUNNO): The French Foreign Ministry announced that all the aims of France have been accomplished, and then some. "We have captured everything. We expect notes of acquiescence from all powers, up to and including Montenegro."

PARIS, FRANCE (IDUNNO): The French people rose in the streets of Paris today and demanded that the German Ambassador be killed.

"He has insulted our honor," screamed Henri Baissanteur, noted Alsatian diplomat and make-out man. "They can say we are untrustworthy. They may imply we are hot-blooded. They are permitted to agree we are stupid, but to say we are friends with this Evan Jones, My God! What an insult! These camels' names should avoid dark streets."

As usual, barricades went up in the streets of Paris. Since the barricades from the last similar demonstration had not been taken down, the German ambassador found himself trapped in the British embassy during dinner. Death followed soon afterwards, and Britain has sent a note of apology.

BERLIN (IDUNNO): 30 Million Germans mysteriously disappeared today. The only clues were 28,321,671 slips of paper saying "The Shadow do!"

1971EC - PRESS RELEASES

WOODMERE, L. I. (IDUNNO): Reports have been circulating that I have been reading Barents' press releases before writing my own. This is like accusing John Wayne of stabbing Indians in the back; it can be done, but it doesn't make any difference in the end. Also, several reports have come in decrying the slowdown of press release production. The purpose of my releases has only been to drown out Barents'. They have succeeded.

WOODMERE, L. I. (From the Offices of Kinney, Lipschitz & Boringman: Synthesists): On reception of the news that Herbert Barents of the synthesist firm of Alfred E. Von Neuman Vry. Lmt'd. would be visiting the New York area this summer, K L&B went into emergency action. Proofreaders were called in from as far away as Sheboygan. Timeline viewers were tuned. The URRP, on being informed of this news merely chuckled a few times and said: "Iah Cthulhu, and ducthbuy os hua profit@". Already this dread scourge has infiltrated as far as the border between Kings and Queens. Miguel Frodoman, our expert on the mentally insane (being himself mad), began lisping. Mr. Lipschitz has been confined in his sanitarium before his inevitable breakdown. All sewage treatment centers are being occupied by the National Guard.

Meanwhile, armed gunmen have been placed on all planes coming in from Michigan, ready to hijack the jets to Los Angeles. With all that air pollution, who will notice a little verbal pollution?

73.2b - PRESS RELEASES

VIENNA (Associated Wire of Kcechoslovakia (AWK)): Count Alexis von Katzoff, Imperial King of Czeckoslovakia, Austria, and Rhineland (not Palattinatte) declared today National Janitors Day, which has traditionally been the start of the Neiger season Sabertooth or otherwise. There are of course, limitations as to size. (no Saber-tooth Neiger that was shot with an elephant gun can be kept if less than 9 mm. long.)

GIBLETS, SOUTH AFRICA (AWK): The combined armies of Czechoslovakia, Austria, and Rhineland, hereby known as CAR, marched into South Africa after a rumor that some Saber-tooth Neigers were hiding their. They weren't, so the army got out it's aggressions on a pair of whores. Incidentally, the motto of the CAR forces was "Making the world safe for Dump-Hounds". This is

SABER-TOOTHVILLE, MEXICO (AWK): CAR forces today galloped on camels into the little hamlet of Neiger-on-the-Dump, Mexico. They didn't find any S. T. Neigers their either, but they did find something called clap. O At
P Great
E Intervals
R This
A Appears
T To
I Inflame
O Optic
N Nerves

All soldiers are being called home, and all provinces, except Czechoslovakia, Austria, and Rhineland, their independence.

HOME THREE (Czechoslovakia, Austria, and Rhineland, for all you dumb douches) (AWK): Saber-tooth Neigers were today outlawed forever here, even though they don't exist on earth any more.

PRAGUE (Hangmans and periferal pissers emanating noisy swizzlesticks, tampering and nabbing crazy elves (HAPPENSTANCE)): In response to popular demand, this is OPERATION GILNEIGER. (See left-hand column.) # 554

WIEN (Vienna, you jerk) (HAINNA, How An Idiot Named Neiger Arrived...):

1) Beginning with issue #291 of GRAUSTARK, published every third Saturday..., Woodmere, L. I., does not exist. Any person, and I use that term loosely, attempting to write a press release originating from Woodmere, L. I., will be immediately kissed by Evan Jones, and will end their game with a) 2/points, b) an army in Sicily, whichever is more appropriate.

2) Now that I'm assured of 2nd place in my game, I intend to go after the major Nitti (Universal Asshole) power of France.

3) The Major Allied Powers of Rhineland, (not the Palattinate one), Czechoslovakia, and Austria (finally) intend to pool their efforts in an attempt to find the perfect press release. Announcement of it will be made in GRAUSTARK #295, and progress reports will be issued.

4) For some reason, in the last issue, there was a large number of press releases dealing with already published material, most notably the All In The Family series, plus some attempting to make jokes about biology and chemistry. Well, you'll never outdo the Isles of Langerhans.

5) Count Alexis von Katzoff is hiding on the Isles of Langerhans. Also, it would be appreciated if the saber-tooth namesake (not mine) would stop using the Rhineland in his Rhineland-Palatinate. He had his chance for control, and blew it. Nyaah!

6) I am hereby renaming 73.2b as "The Anti-French Crusade". This crusade will surpass anything done to date with the possible exception of the "Anti-Evan Crusade".

FRANCE, via the CAR army, via Prague (HAPPENSTANCE): HAPPENSTANCE today reported the demise of IRRP President, founder, main technician, and telegraph operator E. Coli. The IRRP will be forced to close because of this.

CAR ARMY HEADQUARTERS (AWKward): This is an open letter to the French embassy, which does not exist in Austria, Rhineland, or Czechoslovakia.

Dear Mme Carroll (no relation to Lewis):

For some reason, you seem to have this grudge against me. I really don't mind, since I'm gonna beat the shit out of you in this game, but I would like to know what I have done to incur your wrath.

/s/ Imperial King of Czechoslovakia, Austria and Rhineland, Count Alexis von Katzoff

PINSKER SQUARE (HAPPENSTANCE): The CAR army, to which the free world of Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Rhineland, today announced the formation of CARAP, the Czechoslava-

kia, Austrian, and Rhinelandian Army Press.

SWIZZLESTICK, RHINELAND (CARAP): Monsieur Henry Le Tit, the marching John of Tolettown, was rumored to have been ill recently. This rumor was verified upon reading his attack in Bulgaria in Fall 1937. Doesn't that ass know that I took control of the Balkans in 1933. Additionally, Monseieur Henri le Tit has been heard to mumble, "Vive la vas deferens."

BROOKLYN (URRP): From the New Unabashed Dictionary: "Vasectomy: Spoil the rod and spare the child!"

DRI'ELDELL (January 1, S. R. 1520, F. A. 99): PFC A. A. Nofi has received a prediction from a local soothsayer. The medium said that in twenty there would be another alliance against Adz-Katz, and that would be the last alliance. Therefore, PFC Nofi has renamed the Very Last Alliance, the Next-To-Last Alliance.

EURP-DUR (January 15, F. A. 99): Adz-Katz has made further preparations for the attack on him which is to come from the Next-To-Last Alliance. Hahum and Bombor have both long surrendered and Hordorian have been stationed along the borders of the aforementioned. To insure against the rebellion of those two, Corks have been allowed to take over government posts in Minas Tired and Freedoras.

DEUTSCHLAND (Today Is The First Day...): In response to a German (?) request the British have ceded the Germans(?) a corridor connecting Austria and Rhineland. Since military situation in south Deutschland is quite tenuous, the corridor leads out of the Tyrol, thru the Piedmont, up eastern France in Alsace-Lorraine and into the Rhineland. This still does not explain that there are two countries coexisting in the same place, namely (at least partially): The Kingdom of the Two Sissies and Normally this would be explainable, but both exist in the same timeline. CAUTION has been notified.

KISHINEV (February 19, 1938): The Bessarabians have once again breached the Last Straw, this time coming out in 73.3a. In the meantime, Bessarabia, with the support of all the other Annexed Allies except the Kingdom of the Two Sissies, have announced the besiegement of Moscow. The Russians have not been informed.

BAKU (March 29, 1938): The world-famous Trans-Caucasian Army has actually made all the way across Trans-Caucasia without a fight. Unfortunately, when the Caspian Fleet set out from this fair port, they were forced to engage the local Border Guard (2nd Squad). Finally the army landed and is currently trying to cross Transoxiana.

BRESLAU (April 10, 1938): Count Alexis von Katzoff landed here in this city today, after flying half way over Germany. He was picked up by the only Dunc-Hound left in Deutschland (Dunc-Hound Smith) and a few patrols of Saber-Tooth Neigers. It seems that he was seen flying out of a sewer in Augsburg and was thrown to Breslau. He was questioned by RBL.

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